

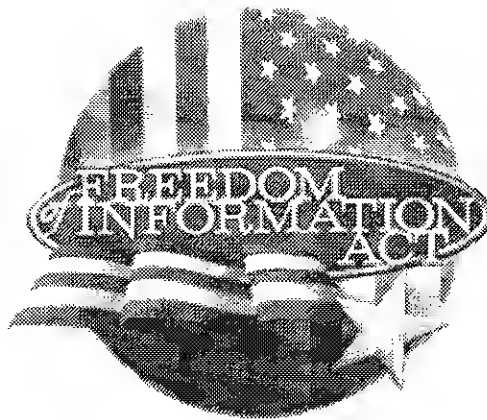
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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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# Memorandum

## ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: June 3, 1965

FROM: J. A. Sizoo

JUNE  
b7C

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING CLASS. & EXT. BY  
SECURITY MATTER - C PERSON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2

DATE OF REVIEW 6/2/85

Callahan  
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Sullivan  
Tavel  
Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Holmes  
Gandy

SAC Roney of New York called this morning and advised that information had just been received from Atlanta that King would arrive in New York today to fulfill a speaking engagement this evening in Madison Square Garden. He advised that King has reservations for himself and an associate in rooms 3027 and 3029 of the Americana Hotel in New York. *u*

New York has made preliminary inquiry concerning the possibility of a microphone installation in the rooms occupied by King tonight.

On many occasions in the past, when King has been in New York, he has held strategy conferences with advisors such as Stanley David Levison, Clarence Jones, Harry Wachtel or Bayard Rustin, certain of which have security backgrounds. In view of the possibility that such a conference may occur at the Americana and on New York's assurance that an installation can be made with full security, New York was authorized to go ahead with the survey and the installation if it can be done securely. Immediate action was necessary in the interest of time. *u*

This installation will only be in effect one evening and an appropriate communication will be directed tomorrow to the Attorney General.

ACTION:

JAS:cd (7) ON 5/29/80  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Donahue  
1 - Mr. Sizoo

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C

Re Bureau telephone call of 6/3/65, authorizing microphone coverage of KING while in New York City at the Americana Hotel.

On 6/3/65, at 1:45 PM, misur coverage on rooms reserved for ANDREW YOUNG and KING was effected. These rooms, 3027 and 3029, were monitored from room 2927 by [REDACTED]

On 6/4/65, at 3:00 PM, coverage discontinued. No intelligence information was obtained. No further communication follows.

*Minor not operative - see memo  
J.A. Sajo to W.C. Sullivan 6/7/65*

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 17, 1965

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

This Bureau's investigation of the communist influence in racial matters has developed considerable information indicating the influence upon Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, by individuals with subversive backgrounds such as [Stanley David Levison, Clarence Jones, Bayard Rustin] and others. From time to time, King meets with these individuals and coverage of these meetings by this Bureau results in the obtaining of evidence of the influences upon King as well as information concerning the tactics and plans of King and his organization in the civil rights movement. *SU*

On May 12, 1965, information was obtained indicating a meeting of King and his advisors was to take place in New York City on that date. Because of the importance of the meeting and the urgency of the situation, a microphone surveillance was effected May 12, 1965, on King in Suite 1690, Sheraton Atlantic Hotel, 34th Street and Broadway Avenue, New York City. This surveillance involved trespass and was discontinued on May 13, 1965.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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May 17, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Donohue
- 1 - Mr. Phillips

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6076 Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

NOTE:

This memorandum is classified "~~Secret~~" since it concerns a microphone surveillance, unauthorized disclosure of which could result in serious damage to the Bureau's security coverage to the detriment of national security.

Memorandum from J.S. Sizoo to Mr. Sullivan 5/13/65 reported the telephonic request of the New York Office 5/12/65 for authority to make installation of the microphone surveillance and in view of the urgency of the situation and on New York's assurance of full security, they were instructed to make the installation.

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# Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. J. A. Sizoo

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
SECURITY MATTER - C

CIRM COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: May 13, 1965

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Phillips  
1 - Mr. Row

JUNE

Tolson  
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SAC [Roney] of New York called yesterday and advised that Martin Luther King was due to arrive in New York that evening and had reservations at the Sheraton Atlantic Hotel, 34th and Broadway, New York City. He has been assigned Suite 1690 and New York advised that Suite 1690 is available for the use of the New York Office for monitoring purposes. If the Bureau will approve a microphone installation, New York desires to install a [redacted] and which can then be monitored in Suite 1690.

In the past King has had conferences with [Stanley Levison, Harry Wachtel] and other advisors while he was in New York and New York advised that a conference with King, [Levison and Clarence Jones] is scheduled for late afternoon, probably in this hotel room. New York desired to make this microphone installation immediately. [Roney] requested authority so they could proceed with the necessary arrangements.

## ACTION:

On New York's assurance that full security was available, and since time was of the essence, I told New York to go ahead with the installation as planned. In accordance to New York's request, New York was also authorized to pay up to \$40 a day for Suite 1690 if necessary for monitoring purposes.

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Date: 5/13/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

JUNE

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SM - C

Re Bureau telephone call of 5/12/65, authorizing Misur coverage of KING at the Sheraton Atlantic Hotel, NYC.

On 5/12/65, at 3:15 p.m., Misur coverage on room 1690-1, the suite registered to KING and party was effected.

On 5/13/65, at 5:20 p.m. coverage on suite was discontinued. The source was [REDACTED] and monitoring took place in suite 1790-1.

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1 - Mr. J.D. Donohue  
1 - Mr. W.T. Forayth

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To: SAC, Atlanta (100-6670-E)

JUNE

From: Director, FBI (100-442529)

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Reurairtel 4/15/65 which advised that Martin Luther King, Jr., was planning to move his residence during the week of 4/12/65 to a recently purchased home located at 234 Sunset Avenue, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia, and that he was planning to have two telephone numbers at his new residence. It was stated that it was apparent that present source at King's residence, [redacted], would be discontinued as a result of the move. Bureau authority was requested to conduct a survey on the new residence so that appropriate recommendations might follow concerning technical coverage there. You assured full security for this survey.

Bureau authority is granted for the survey, full security is assured. Take no action relative to installation, limiting your action only to survey. Expedite so that any break in coverage may be minimized. Promptly advise Bureau of time and date of discontinuance at old residence.

Keep Bureau promptly advised of all pertinent developments.

NOTE: [redacted] is a technical surveillance on the residence of King, 563 Johnson Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. It was authorized 10/15/63 and installed 11/8/63. It is noted that when we received the then Attorney General's authority for installation of this coverage, it was to be on King's residence or at any future address to which he may move. This source has, of course, been a most prolific one for extremely valuable intelligence relating to King and communist influence on him. After receipt of the results of survey and Atlanta's recommendations, a memorandum will be prepared along with any necessary correspondence with the Attorney General.

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TO :

Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: April 2, 1965

FROM :

J. A. Sizoo *JAS*

JUNE

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SAC Roney, New York, called this afternoon with regard to King's arrival in New York. Roney said he had previously received authorization from you to make a microphone installation covering King on his arrival if this turned out to be feasible. He advised that information had been received that King, Bernard, Lee, and Andrew Young will arrive in New York this evening and have reservations to stay at the Americana Hotel. Rooms 4619 and 4621 have been reserved for them.

[REDACTED] coverage will be feasible.

ACTION:

JAS:mls (5)

1-Mr. Sullivan

1-Mr. Baumgardner

1-Mr. M. Row

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ADDENDUM: JAS/aab-4/8/65 - New York subsequently advised that it appeared King, Lee and Young would occupy the rooms in question and New York [REDACTED] provide coverage in these rooms. New York was authorized [REDACTED] provide coverage. Roney said no trespassing would be involved. It subsequently developed that King himself did not stay in the Americana Hotel at night although he and the others had registered in the two rooms in question.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

JUNE

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-CALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Re Bureau telephone call of 4/2/65, authorizing  
misur coverage of KING at the Americana Hotel, 53rd Street  
and Seventh Avenue, New York City.

At 8:15 PM, on 4/2/65, misur coverage was effected  
on rooms 4619-21 at the Americana Hotel, the suite occupied  
by KING, BERNARD LEE and ANDREW YOUNG. The source which  
monitored their rooms was [REDACTED] and was in room 4519,  
Americana Hotel. *\* Conf. Source*

On 4/3/65, at 1:30 PM, the source mentioned  
heretofore was discontinued.

No trespass was involved in this matter.

*Ny Tel 4/3/65 show king did not  
spend night at Americana. Therefore  
misur was not activated, and no  
advise to A.G. necessary - Jot. 100-106670-1195*

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670),  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)  
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.  
 SM-C

JUNE

ReBu telephone call of 3/29/65, authorizing misur coverage of subject at the Park Sheraton Hotel, 56th St. and 7th Ave., NYC.

On 3/29/65, at 3:30 p.m., misur coverage was effected on rooms 1461 and 1462, the rooms at the Park Sheraton Hotel which were to be occupied by KING and BERNARD LEE on 3/30/65. The sources are [REDACTED] (KING's room, 1461) and [REDACTED] (LEE's room, 1462). These sources were monitored from room 1561. *b(2) b(7)(D)*

On 3/31/65, at 12:00 noon, these sources were discontinued.

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CC: Wick. C. G. & F. T. BY SP-7/654/DE/KA  
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NOTE IN ENVELOPE

December 2, 1964

SUMMARY -

HIGHLY SENSITIVE COVERAGE -  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -

Mr. Belmont

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Belmont  
Mohr  
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Informal memorandum 11/27/64 (attached) set forth a summary of data pertaining to highly sensitive coverage afforded Martin Luther King, Jr., during 1964. The summary set out the various incidents covered and noted the number of reels of tape available, the approximate listening time and the extent to which transcripts are presently available.

Mr. Tolson noted "I think all should be transcribed" and the Director so instructed.

Pursuant to your instructions to get the maximum amount of material available transcribed, we propose doing the following. In connection with items number 2, 3, 4 and 5 in the attached memorandum, it is noted that we already have field-prepared transcripts to the extent of 31 pages, 59 pages, 20 pages and 23 pages or a total of 133 pages. It is believed that these transcripts which were prepared by Agents on the scene are sufficient to back up the tapes. These were represented by the field as being complete transcripts, pursuant to Bureau instructions.

In connection with item number 1, the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., incident, we have no transcripts but only an 8-page memorandum. We propose having transcripts prepared covering the 15 reels and approximate 17 hours listening time. In connection with item number 6, the Los Angeles, California, 7/8-9/64 incident, we have only 3 pages of transcript and inasmuch as there are 5 reels with approximately 7½ hours listening time we propose having a more complete transcript prepared.

If approved, we will immediately direct the Washington Field Office to commence preparing the transcripts for items 1 and 6, it being noted that Washington Field Office has available sound-trained Agents who participated in the original monitoring, are very familiar with voices, etcetera, and are in the best position to handle this matter which will be a very time-consuming process because of such various factors as outside interference, numerous individuals talking at once, the drunken condition of many of the individuals at times, their manner of speech and other similar factors. The Laboratory will furnish the necessary equipment to assist in this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Upon approval, this memorandum should be returned to the Domestic Intelligence Division for issuance of necessary instructions to get the preparation of the transcripts underway.

W. C. Sullivan

See Addendum of C. D. DeLoach Next Page.

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Addendum of C. D. DeLoach, Crime Records Division

ADDENDUM:CDD:dgs, 12/10/64

I fully agree that this work should eventually be done, particularly if an additional controversy arises with King. I see no necessity, however, in this work being done at the present time inasmuch as the controversy has quieted down considerably and we are not in need of transcriptions right now. In view of the transcription already accomplished, and because of the above-mentioned reasons, I would recommend that we hold off doing this tremendous amount of work until there is an actual need.

I think it should be done now while it is fresh in the minds of the specially trained agents.

→ Done. We have prepared 321 pp of transcripts (231 pp. for item #1 - W70 + 90 pp. for item #6 - LA) 3/27/65 [redacted] b7c

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# ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

November 27, 1964

SUMMARY -  
HIGHLY SENSITIVE COVERAGE -  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. DeLoach ✓  
Mr. Casper ✓  
Mr. Callahan ✓  
Mr. Conrad ✓  
Mr. Evans ✓  
Mr. Gale ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Sullivan ✓  
Mr. Tavel ✓  
Mr. Trotter ✓  
Mr. Tele. Room ✓  
Mr. Holmes ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

Set forth below, in chronological order, is a summary of data pertaining to highly sensitive coverage afforded Martin Luther King, Jr., during 1964.

1. Washington, D. C., January 5-7, 1964. 15 reels of tape available amounting to approximately 17 hours listening time. Of the 15 reels, four reels amounting to approximately three hours, are of conversation in a room occupied by some females. The activity in this room is practically negative and the conversation of relative unimportance. Deducting these four reels we would have a total of 11 reels and approximately 14 hours listening time. No transcription, as such, available. We have an eight-page memorandum prepared by WFO which is in a "story fashion" relating the activities and including, in exact quotes excerpts of pertinent conversations.

2. Honolulu, Hawaii, February 18-20, 1964. We have nine reels with a total of approximately eight and one half hours listening time. To back this up we have 31 pages of transcript prepared by the field.

3. Los Angeles, California, February 20-21, 23-24, 1964. We have 21 reels with an approximate listening time of 22 and one half hours. We have 59 pages of transcript prepared by the field.

4. Detroit, Michigan, March 19-20, 1964. All tapes are maintained by the Detroit Field Office. Number of reels and listening time unknown. We have 20 pages of transcript prepared by the field. *No relevant activity.*

5. Sacramento, California, April 23-24, 1964. We have five reels with approximate listening time of five hours. We also have 23 pages of transcript prepared by the field.

6. Los Angeles, California, July 8-9, 1964. We have five reels with approximately seven and one half hours listening time and three pages of transcript prepared by the field.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO : Mr. Sullivan

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DATE: 3/2/65

FROM : F.J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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During a recent conversation between Martin Luther King, Jr., and his Executive Assistant, Andrew Young, King indicated that a \$100,000 benefit on behalf of King is to be held in Boston, Massachusetts. King said that the Governor of Massachusetts had declared 4/23/65 as Martin Luther King Day in that state. King further stated that he, along with other civil rights leaders, plan to go to Boston in the Spring of 1965 to "scare the power structure" in that area. King did not elaborate on what methods they would use in "scaring the power structure"; nor did he indicate that this visit would coincide with the testimonial planned for him by the Governor.

Pursuant to your request of SAC Handley, Boston, for discreetly-obtained available information concerning a planned "Day" for King, ASAC Whittaker, Boston, today (3/2/65) telephoned the following information to the Bureau. Arrangements for a "Day" for King have already been firmed up. It is to be 4/23/65. An award is to be made to King, the nature of which has not yet been determined. Neither has the place for the testimonial yet been determined. There is no information that the invitation to King has been definitely extended as yet. SAC Handley has met [redacted] who is cordial and friendly to the Bureau and Handley believes that [redacted] could be safely contacted on a highly confidential basis and briefed concerning King. With the end result that the affair for King will be watered down.

OBSERVATIONS:

Because of the known communist influence on King [redacted], it is believed that it would be in the interest of the Bureau to have SAC Handley brief him concerning King. Although arrangements have progressed so far for the King Day that the affair will likely come off, our briefing [redacted] will likely induce him to minimize the affair and especially the award for King.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, this memorandum should be routed back to Assistant Director Sullivan who will telephonically contact SAC Handley and have him brief [REDACTED] on a highly confidential basis and with the proviso that under no circumstances may there ever be any attribution to the FBI for the information furnished him. [REDACTED] will be told that King for some time has been associated with and under the influence of present and former communists.

[REDACTED] will also be told that King and other civil rights leaders plan to go to Boston this Spring to "scare the power structure" in that area. b7c

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RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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**Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOPE**

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : J. A. Sizoo

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: January 29, 1965

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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SAC [Roney] called on 1/28/65 asking for authority to place microphone coverage on the rooms King and a traveling companion will occupy in the Americana Hotel in New York on 1/29 and 1/30/65. He advised King had been assigned Rooms 3223 and 3225, and that the New York Office has available for coverage purposes Rooms 3323 and 3325, which are one floor above those occupied by King. [These rooms were obtained without advice to the hotel of the office's interest in King.]

New York stated that in view of King's continued contacts with persons affiliated with communist interests [and his general activities], it was considered desirable that microphone coverage be placed on King while in New York. He is scheduled to arrive in New York early 1/29 and leave late 1/30/65. New York also requested authority to pay up to \$40 a day for the rooms necessary for monitoring purposes.

ACTION:

I authorized New York to go ahead with the microphone coverage since it will only be on for a short time and in view of the potential for developing intelligence information of interest to us. New York also was authorized to make the necessary expenditures for rental of monitoring space.

JAS:mls (6)

1-Mr. Belmont

1-Mr. Sullivan

1-Mr. Baumgardner

1-Mr. Phillips

1-Mr. [unclear]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)  
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.  
 SM-C

JUNE

ReBu telephone call of Inspector JOSEPH SIZOO,  
 1/28/65, authorizing misur coverage of subject at the  
 Americana Hotel, 53rd St. and 7th Ave., NYC.

At 4:30 p.m., 1/28/65, coverage was effected  
 on the suite of rooms of subject. These rooms are  
 designated as 4123 and 4125, and the sources covering  
 are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] respectively.

The aforementioned sources are being monitored  
 from rooms 4223 and 4225.

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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ReNYairtel of 1/29/65, advising that misur coverage was effected on 1/28/65, on the suite of rooms of subject at the Americana Hotel, NYC. The rooms were 4123 and 4125, and the sources covering were [REDACTED], respectively.

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On 1/31/65, at 2:45 P.M. the above sources were discontinued and microphones and monitoring equipment removed.

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# Memorandum

## ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

JUNE

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 1/8/65

FROM : J. A. Sizoo

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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New York called today and advised that King, [Bernard Lee, and Andrew Young] registered at the Park Sheraton Hotel and were assigned Room 2541 and 2543. SAC [Roney] advised that the New York Office had for monitoring purposes the availability of Rooms 2439 and 2441.

In view of the nature of the discussion which King was scheduled to have in New York with [Clarence Jones and Harry Wachtel], it was felt the results of the discussion would contain considerable intelligence information. New York said that through other information which they have developed, it appears the meeting will actually be held in [Wachtel's] office, but New York still strongly recommended use of microphone coverage in the rooms occupied by King's party as the results of the meeting in [Wachtel's] office would later be discussed in the hotel rooms.

In view of King's continued contact with [Clarence Jones, who is King's conduit for contact with communist [Stanley Levison] and in view of other activities of King,] it is considered highly desirable that New York place microphone coverage on these rooms if this can be done with full security. [Roney] assured me full security would be available [and that the individuals involved will be under physical surveillance so the microphone installation could be made during the conference in Wachtel's office.] New York contemplated use of [redacted]

[redacted] and which instruments can be installed with full security. ACTION b(1) (c) [redacted] CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-2 TAC/ [redacted] REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2.2 DATE OF REVIEW 1-8-85

Under the circumstances, I authorized New York to go ahead with the installation provided it could be done with full security.

JAS:mls (8)

- 1-Mr. Belmont; 1-Mr. Sullivan;
- 1-Mr. Baumgardner; 1-Mr. Bland;
- 1-Mr. Donohue; 1-Mr. Phillips;
- 1-Mr. Sizoo

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

JUNE

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re Bureau telephone call, 1/8/65, authorizing  
misur coverage of subject at the Park Sheraton Hotel, 55th  
Street and Broadway, New York City.

On 1/8/65, coverage was effected on the room of  
KING, room number 2543, and [REDACTED] was installed at  
3:00 PM. [REDACTED] was installed at the same time on the  
adjoining room, number 2541, occupied by his associates,  
ANDREW YOUNG and BERNARD LEE. These sources were monitored  
from room 2441. (X)

On 1/11/65, at 10:45 AM, the designated sources were  
discontinued. (X)

Microphones and monitoring equipment removed  
1/11/65. Trespass was involved. (X)

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: November 10, 1964

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Evans  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Liaison  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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[REDACTED] reported on the evening of November 9, 1964, Bayard Rustin was in contact with Andrew Young, Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which is headed by Martin Luther King, Jr. Rustin told Young that he, Rustin, was leaving for London, England, November 11, 1964, for the purpose of clarifying confusion surrounding King's trip to Europe in December, 1964. (King is to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway, December 10, 1964.) The confusion arises in that the Archbishop of Canterbury desires to receive King but has been opposed by certain elements inasmuch as King is a Baptist. Rustin is to also determine, while in London, whether King can have a meeting with the British Prime Minister, Harold Wilson.

Rustin has already been in contact with Peggy Duff, a resident of London, England, who is Executive Director of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. Rustin told her that King will be in London on December 6 and 7, 1964, and Rustin wanted to know if Prime Minister Wilson would be prepared to receive King then. She indicated that she would check into this. Rustin said that it should not appear as though this was King's idea, stating that it was preferred that Wilson announce that he is inviting King to visit him.

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3. We are separately making this information available to the White House, State Department and the Acting Attorney General by communications which are being expeditiously prepared.

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*11-7-64*

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*Sullivan to Belmont*

☐ Laboratory Work Sheet

☐ Personnel Security Questionnaire (PSQ)

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**CABLEGRAM**

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**TO GREAT LONDON**

**FROM DIRECTOR FBI (100-106670)**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST.**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WHO IS TO RECEIVE THE NOBEL**

**PEACE PRIZE IN OSLO, NORWAY, DECEMBER TEN, NEXT, PLANS TO BE  
IN LONDON, ENGLAND, DECEMBER SIX AND SEVEN, NEXT. ONE OF  
HIS ADVISORS, BAYARD RUSTIN, HAS CONTACTED PEGGY DUFF, A  
LONDON RESIDENT WHO IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR  
DISARMAMENT. RUSTIN REQUESTED HER TO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE FOR  
PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON TO RECEIVE KING. RUSTIN DESIRES  
IT NOT APPEAR AS THOUGH THIS IS KING'S IDEA AND PREFERENCES WILSON  
TO ANNOUNCE THAT WILSON IS INVITING KING. DUFF CHECKING INTO  
THIS MATTER.**

**RUSTIN IS DEPARTING FOR LONDON NOVEMBER ELEVEN, NEXT,  
FOR PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING A CONFUSION SURROUNDING KING'S TRIP  
IN DECEMBER. CONFUSION INVOLVES FACT THAT ARCHBISHOP OF  
CANTERBURY DESIRES TO RECEIVE KING BUT HAS BEEN OPPOSED BY**

**VIA CABLEGRAM**

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**NOTE: See memo Baumgardner to Sullivan, 11/10/64, same  
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CABLEGRAM TO LONDON  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
100-106670

CERTAIN ELEMENTS BECAUSE KING A BAPTIST. RUSTIN IS TO  
ALSO DETERMINE WHETHER KING WILL BE ABLE TO MEET WITH WILSON.

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(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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# Memorandum

## ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bland

DATE: 10/6/64

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland *JFB*

JUNE

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Donohue

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Tele. Room ☒  
Holmes ☒  
Gandy ☒

The Director has instructed there are to be no technical surveillances in cases which would thereby be tainted for prosecution.

*[REDACTED]* is a technical installation on the residence of Martin Luther King, Jr., at 563 Johnson Avenue Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia. King is a national figure prominent in the racial movement. He has been involved with and is taking advice from well-known communist figures. This source provides information regarding his contact with these individuals as well as information as to what they advise him to do. A considerable amount of the information we have received from this source has been furnished to the White House, the Attorney General, and other Government agencies. This source has provided a great amount of information concerning racial disorders in the South, racial riots in Northern cities as well as racial activities at both major political party conventions.

*[REDACTED]* (which has been furnished to the White House) *[REDACTED]*

*[REDACTED]* The type of information received through this source is not available through any other source.

There is no prosecutive action pending concerning King and on the basis of the information we have, prosecutive action appears to be unlikely in the foreseeable future. It would appear logical to continue this installation because of the large contribution that it has made to our intelligence in the racial movement.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this installation be continued.

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WTF:mlf

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6:20 PM EST URGENT 8-28-64 MAB  
TO DIRECTOR  
FROM NEWARK 282150

JUNE.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, SM - C.

RE ATLANTA RADIOGRAM TODAY.  
KING DEPARTED ATLANTIC CITY AUGUST 27 LAST EN ROUTE  
NYC VIA COMMERCIAL AIRLINE. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
DISCONTINUED SAME DATE. ALL EQUIPMENT REMOVED. DAILY  
SUMMARY OF INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM SOURCES FURNISHED  
TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DE LOACH. INFORMATION RECEIVED  
BEING REVIEWED IN DETAIL AND WILL BE DISSEMINATED TO  
APPROPRIATE OFFICES.

MAIL COPY SENT ATLANTA.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 8/24/64

Pertinent information  
concerning King's activities in  
Atlantic City being included in  
8/24/64 summary to White House.

BCR:jcf

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**UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: August 24, 1964

**FROM : Mr. J. A. Sizoo**

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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I received a telephone call Friday, 8/21/64, from SAC Bachman concerning technical coverage on King in Atlantic City. You had previously instructed that he explore the possibilities of putting technical and microphone coverage on him there. *Q*

Bachman advised that he had made a preliminary security check and that suitable reliable contacts were available at the hotel which would make possible a microphone installation, though it might be necessary to take the hotel manager into confidence to the extent of identifying King as the individual in whom they were interested. Bachman advised that as to the technical installation, a preliminary check revealed this could be done. He noted that a suite of 3 rooms had been set aside at the Claridge for the use of King and others traveling with him.

**ACTION:**

I told Bachman to go ahead with the microphone installation if this could be done with the understanding that no one other than the manager would have knowledge of our interest in King, and that neither the manager nor anyone else would have knowledge of the nature of the coverage. I further pointed out that it would be necessary that Newark be in a position to assure full security from a technical point of view.

I also authorized Bachman to go ahead on the telephone installation provided this could be done with full security. It should be noted in this connection we already have authority from the Attorney General to cover any residence which King may use with a technical telephone installation.

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Sizoo  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Donohue

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCI  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

## ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

1 - Mr. Branigan  
1 - Mr. Bland

TO : W. A. Branigan *WAB*

DATE: August 23, 1964

FROM : E. T. Turner *ETT*

1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Turner

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

JUNE

*Baumgardner*  
*Bland*

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 6 p.m. 8-22-64 Special Agent [REDACTED] called from Newark to advise that subject was testifying before the Credentials Committee and Agents would keep abreast of his whereabouts and activities. [REDACTED] stated Agents were able to get tech coverage of two phones but had to get out before they could get mike coverage.

At 7:50 p.m. Special Agent [REDACTED] called from Newark to advise King had left the Committee Room at 6:15, had been interviewed by the press and then checked into Room 1923 Claridge Hotel at 7:35 p.m. One Bernard Lee who was with him (age 25 or 26) checked into Room 1902. Both these rooms are covered by techs. Rev. Abernathy has been assigned to Room 1901 (not covered) but has not shown up yet.

### ACTION:

None. For information.

ETT:jmw  
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1 - Mr. J. B. Donohue

August 14, 1964

PERSONAL ATTENTION  
JUNE

Mr. J. F. Malone  
Assistant Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
301 East 69th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Malone;

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP1 GSK/DB/hkc  
REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 8/14/84  
5/24/80

[REDACTED] (u)  
[REDACTED] (u)  
[REDACTED] (u)  
If for any reason you do not utilize these surveillances,  
the Bureau should be notified in order that its records may be  
maintained in a current status. E

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. J. F. Malone

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- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Donohue
- 1 - Mr. Phillips

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (100-3-116)

JUNE. CIRM.

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REURTEL AUGUST SEVEN LAST. PROVIDING FULL SECURITY ASSURED,  
AUTHORITY GRANTED TO INSTALL TESUR ON MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON  
HIS TEMPORARY RESIDENCE, THAT OF [REDACTED]

NYC.

ADVISE DATE AND TIME OF INSTALLATION AND SYMBOL NUMBER  
ASSIGNED. SULET JUSTIFICATION THIRTY DAYS AFTER INSTALLATION IN  
EVENT KING CONTINUES TEMPORARY RESIDENCE AT ABOVE ADDRESS. FURNISH  
BUREAU [REDACTED] INFORMATION.

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King, his wife and children intend to stay in [REDACTED] apartment most of remainder of August, 1964. Bufiles and those of NYO negative re [REDACTED] New York has advised that installation of tesur is feasible and full security is assured. In October, 1963, we received the Attorney General's authority to place a tesur on King at his Atlanta, Georgia, residence or at any future address to which he may move. We previously extended such coverage to temporary residences of King and it is believed most desirable to do so in this instance in view of his association with communists and the very vital matters he is presently concerning himself with, such as the forthcoming Democratic National Convention; the Mississippi situation; the matter of racial disorders.

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and demonstrations in New York City; and, also, King intends to go abroad for a few days this month. We have been able to keep the White House and others very currently informed concerning King and these important matters. The recommended extension of coverage will enable us to continue to do so. Teletype being used due to urgency.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *wes*

DATE: July 23, 1964

FROM : Mr. J. A. Sizoo

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
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SAC Ponder of Atlanta called at approximately 9:30 a.m. this morning and advised that through technical coverage of King's residence it was learned that a telephone call was received by Mrs. Coretta King from an individual who identified himself as Nelson Smith of the American Broadcasting Company (ABC). Smith said that ABC had a representative who had infiltrated "one of the groups" (not further identified) and that this group had plans to kill King today.

SAC Ponder was instructed to advise SAC Moore in Jackson of the receipt of this information so that he and Agents there would be alerted to this threat to King. SAC Moore subsequently advised that King was still in Jackson and had meetings scheduled there until noon when he would go to Tougaloo College on the outskirts of Jackson for a luncheon. At 2:00 p.m. he is to return to Jackson for meetings with Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) officials. At 5:30 p.m. he is to go by caravan from Jackson to Vicksburg, Mississippi, where he is to attend a mass meeting tonight and will stay overnight in Vicksburg. King's schedule calls for his going to Meridian for most of the day and event tomorrow and departure Saturday morning for Atlanta.

Moore said that extensive plans are already in effect by city police, sheriffs, and State Highway Patrol officers to provide escorts and protection for King. He said that he was mindful of the instructions which he had received from the Bureau on 7/21 concerning King's safety and that he would use all available manpower as necessary to supplement local law enforcement officers.

Mr. DeLoach was advised of the above and will check [redacted] to determine if there is in fact an ABC representative named Smith in the Atlanta area. If so, additional action as may be possible without endangering our source of information will be undertaken in an effort to determine the reliability of the information which Smith has passed on to Mrs. King.

This matter will be followed closely.

YAS:lm1 (8)  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Baughman

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\*We subsequently learned ABC never had an employee by this name in Atlanta elsewhere, and it appears this call was a hoax.

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*7-17-64*  
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☐ Outgoing letter

☒ Memorandum

☐ Airtel

☐ Teletype

☐ Enclosure (describe)

☐ Laboratory Work Sheet

☐ Personnel Security Questionnaire (PSQ)

☐ Loyalty Form

☐ Other (describe)

*Sullivan to Baumgardner  
Baumgardner Sullivan*

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ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

July 7, 1964

JUNE

Mr. J. A. Sisco

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

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Memorandum from Mr. Baumgardner to Mr. Sullivan  
7/2/64 recommended, and the Director approved, that a  
microphone surveillance (miser) be authorized to cover  
the activities of Martin Luther King, Jr., while in Los  
Angeles, California, 7/2/64, at such time as the Los Angeles  
Office advises that such coverage can be effected with full  
security. This coverage is desired in view of King's  
association with communists and his current involvement in  
many facets of the racial situation in this country.

At 12:05 p.m. today (7/7/64) ASAC Gungard of  
Los Angeles telephonically advised me that the Los Angeles  
Office is in a position to install a miser at the Hyatt  
House Hotel where King will be staying and that it can be  
effected with full security.

ACTION:

I told Gungard to go ahead with the installation  
and keep the Bureau promptly advised of all developments.  
He was impressed with the necessity for this operation  
being carried out with absolute security.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. M. F. Shaw
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Wland
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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# ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

July 2, 1964

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Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Callahan  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Donohue  
1 - Mr. Phillips

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

This memorandum recommends that we authorize an extension of the current technical surveillance (tesur) on Martin Luther King, Jr., to cover his activities in Los Angeles, California, commencing 7/8/64 and authorize installation of a microphone surveillance (misur) at the same time and place.

King plans to be in Los Angeles commencing 7/8/64

It is noted that the Republican National Convention is scheduled to start in San Francisco, California, 7/13/64.

ASAC Onsgard, Los Angeles, telephonically advised 7/1/64 that Los Angeles can effect a tesur with full security by running lines from the office's technical plant to the Hyatt House Hotel and in the event King registers there, it will be a simple matter to activate such a tesur. Los Angeles is presently checking out the feasibility of a misur at this Hotel to further our coverage and is to advise the Bureau of the results of its check.

## OBSERVATIONS:

It would be most desirable to effect as much technical-type coverage as can be safely done to cover King's activities on the West Coast. He undoubtedly will attempt to inject himself into the Convention proceedings as he had previously indicated possible demonstrations or picketing of the Convention. During his stay in Los Angeles just prior to the Convention he is very likely to reveal much of his plans and such information would undoubtedly be available through a tesur. King has also injected himself into the current Mississippi situation and the tesur would be a source in that regard. The tesur would likely furnish intelligence

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
100-3-118

relative to the St. Augustine, Florida, situation in which King  
is so prominent, [REDACTED] b7(c)

It is noted that in October, 1963, we received the Attorney General's authority to place a telex on King at his Atlanta, Georgia, residence or at any future address to which he may move. We believe we should maintain such coverage to his temporary (Hotel) residence in Los Angeles. It is likewise felt that a misur should be installed, if it can be done with full security, to gain further evidence of the activities of this moral degenerate.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) If you approve, we will telephonically advise Los Angeles to go ahead with the telex provided it can be done with full security.

(2) With your approval we will also authorize a misur at such time as Los Angeles advises that it can be effected with full security.

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Date: 6/18/64

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

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call to New York, 6/18/64.

On 6/22/64, a meeting is scheduled to be held at  
2:00 PM at the office of HARRY WACHTEL, 575 Madison Avenue,  
New York City. MARTIN LUTHER KING is scheduled to attend  
this meeting along with RALPH HELSTEIN, LARRY RAIDICK, BAYARD  
RUSTIN, CLEVELAND ROBINSON, CLARENCE JONES and a few others.  
Information has been developed that KING wants to meet with  
this group every two or three weeks and that the meetings for  
the most part would be held in New York. The purpose of the  
meetings will be to write KING's speeches and guide his  
activities.

It is to be noted that there has been no indication  
from the information developed to this point that all of the  
subsequent meetings of this group would be held at the office  
of HARRY WACHTEL.

With respect to HARRY WACHTEL, it is to be noted  
that he is a successful, apparently wealthy attorney in  
the law firm of WACHTEL and MICHAELSON, with law offices on the  
fifth floor of 575 Madison Avenue, New York City. The law firm  
moved recently to this location from 711 Fifth Avenue.

Bureau (100-3-116) (RM)  
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Special Agent in Charge

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# ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

*JUNE*

To: Mr. A. H. Belmont

Date: 4-22-64

From: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

Subject: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Evans	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

SAC Lynum, San Francisco, called today to advise that Martin Luther King plans to go to Sacramento, California, on 4-23-64 and will stay at the Senator Hotel there. Through a contact at the hotel we have learned that he has reserved a suite of 3 double-sized rooms (2 bedrooms separated by a parlor). SAC Lynum requested permission to conduct a survey tomorrow morning to determine the feasibility of establishing coverage of King's activities at the hotel. He said this could be done with full security.

San Francisco was authorized to make the survey tomorrow morning but, before any installation is made, the Bureau should be advised of the results of the survey and whether coverage would be possible under completely secure conditions.

## RECOMMENDATION:

If the results of the survey show it is feasible and can be done with a guarantee of absolute security, that approval be granted for San Francisco to install the necessary technical coverage.

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 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM LOS ANGELES 250225

JUNE. CP, NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL  
 MATTERS, 11-3. b(2) b(7)(D)

[REDACTED] INSTALLED APRIL 24 INSTANT 4 PM AFFORDING b(2)  
 COVERAGE OF KING AT PRUNE ORCHARD 29141 AT 55.7 WEST CENTURY,  
 LOS ANGELES. FULL SECURITY ASSURED.

KING RETURNED LOS ANGELES 4:01 PM INSTANT. PROCEEDED  
 ROOM 116, APART HOUSE, WHERE HE WAS JOINED BY WALKER AND  
 UNIDENTIFIED MALE NEGRO.

RECEIVED: 11:33 PM EFH

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: 4-23-64

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

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At 1:45 p.m. this afternoon I talked to Supervisor [Harry Clifford] of the San Francisco Office. He said that King will be staying at the Senator Hotel in Sacramento, California, where he has reserved three rooms. [Clifford] advised me that it was possible to effect a technical coverage of these rooms with absolute security. I told him under these conditions to proceed with the coverage. Approval for this had previously been requested yesterday.

I told Mr. Clifford to keep me promptly advised of all developments relative to this coverage. He said he would.

ACTION:

For your information.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

Supervisor [REDACTED] of Los Angeles called me at 2:55 p.m. today. He said they expect the above-captioned person to return to Los Angeles upon finishing his work in San Francisco [REDACTED] at the Hyatt House Motel. He said that King had not checked out from there and gave all indications of possibly coming back for a couple of nights. They already have some technical coverage being installed. [REDACTED] stated that in order to get complete and effective coverage, it will be necessary [REDACTED] He wanted authority to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] have any idea they are interested in King. [REDACTED] said no; there are a large number of people staying at the Hyatt House Motel, and that [REDACTED] would not have any idea who they are interested in. I told him under these conditions and these conditions only authority was granted [REDACTED] He guaranteed in this case absolute security and said that if the situation changes in any way, Los Angeles would not take this step.

## RECOMMENDATION:

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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3/19/64

W. C. Sullivan

JUNE

**COMMUNIST PARTY-USA, NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
Internal Security - Communist**

We learned that Martin Luther King is in Detroit today and will be there overnight. ASAC Callaghan of Detroit phoned to advise me that King is at the Statler Hotel, with an associate, Bernard Lee. They have Rooms 1270 and 1272. Our agents are secure in Room 1274.

[REDACTED]

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**ACTION:**

In view of the time element involved, I authorized Detroit to effect a microphone surveillance to cover King's activities, which Detroit has advised can be effected with full security.

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Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Baumgardner  
Mr. Blane  
Mr. J.D. Donohue  
Mr. G.F. Phillips

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1 - Mr. Donohue

March 31, 1964

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To: SAC, Detroit

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From: Director, FBI (100-3-116)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re telephone call March 19, 1964, between  
Assistant Director W. C. Sullivan and ASAC J. F. Callaghan.

By return airtel, without fail, advise time and  
date installation effected, symbol number assigned, and time  
and date of discontinuance. Include brief summary of results  
of coverage and advice as to when full details will be  
received at Bureau.

AFFORD THIS MATTER YOUR PERSONAL, EXPEDITIOUS  
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# ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

Mr. W. H. Baumgardner

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
 HINDS QUESTION  
 COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

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February 4, 1964

- 1-Mr. Belmont
- 1-Mr. Sullivan
- 1-Mr. Callahan
- 1-Mr. Eland
- 1-Mr. Baumgardner
- 1-Mr. Forsyth
- 1-Mr. Ryan
- 1-Mr. A. Baker (7114)
- 1-Mr. Phillips

By memorandum to you 1/21/64 recommended, and the Director approved, that [redacted] of the San Francisco Office report to the Bureau 2/2/64 for a one-day conference preparatory to effecting coverage of the activities of Martin Luther King, Jr., and his associates in Honolulu 2/12-24/64.

An all-day conference was held as scheduled with [redacted] and officials and Supervisors of the Domestic Intelligence Division, including representatives from the Laboratory and Washington Field Office. [redacted] was thoroughly briefed on all aspects of this matter, with emphasis being given to the fact that security is paramount and that the need for discrediting King is based upon the communist influences on him. Thorough discussion was had concerning all the matters relating to the operation contemplated, including such facets as technical, personnel and equipment needs, transportation and timing of movements and the like.

## Plan of Operation

[redacted] is to be in complete charge of this operation and, for security reasons, will principally utilize San Francisco Office personnel augmented by having some Honolulu personnel assist in matters where security will not be loosened by the fact that the Honolulu Agents are probably known in many places on the island. (A separate communication is being directed to the personal attention of SAC Price, Honolulu, advising him of Bureau plans and that [redacted] will be in charge of this operation.) [redacted] and one sound-trained Agent from San Francisco will go to Honolulu about 2/12/64 for purposes of making necessary surveys and effecting coverage. Such minute advance planning is deemed necessary for reasons of security and to insure optimum results. It will include, per suggestion of the Laboratory, a "dry run" if at all possible. On about 2/16/64, two or three additional Agents from San Francisco will go to Honolulu, one of whom will be a sound-trained Agent and the other possibly an expert in photography. We are also insuring that these Agents have an adaptability to monitoring techniques so as to insure best possible coverage.

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The Laboratory has already undertaken the assembly of sufficient equipment to provide for flexibility in operation and will arrange for shipment directly to Honolulu.

For reasons of security and because of the distances involved and the fact that we may not know until the last moment exactly where the installations will be made, [redacted] was given authority, provided full security was always assured, for necessary surveys and installations in connection with this operation. He was instructed that the Bureau must be promptly apprised of all pertinent developments in this matter and that under no circumstances must any action be taken that could in any way alert King or other unauthorized individuals of our interest in King; neither could anything be done which could bring embarrassment to the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information. You will be promptly advised of pertinent developments in this matter as they occur.

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

January 28, 1964

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont  
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INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

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DATE OF REVIEW 1/30/85

This memorandum recommends that Security Supervisor [redacted] of the San Francisco Office be ordered to report to the Bureau 2/3/64 for a one-day conference preparatory to effecting coverage of the activities of Martin Luther King, Jr., and his associates in Honolulu 2/18-25/64.

Our investigation of the communist influence in racial matters clearly reveals King to be one of the most prominent and important leader of the Negro people today. Investigation to date has proven his being under strong communist influence and [redacted]

Because of the communist influence on him, he needs to be, for the security of the Nation, completely discredited.

For some time King has been planning on a trip to Honolulu, where he is scheduled to speak about 2/18/64. His itinerary tentatively calls for departure from Los Angeles, California, for Honolulu 2/18/64 and return to the mainland 2/25/64. He will be accompanied by his Executive Assistant Wyatt Walker.

The present Agent complement of the Honolulu Office [redacted]

Because of the small number of Agents in that Office and the Office's rather limited experience in the type of operation we desire to effect (such as we had Washington Field Office handle at the Willard), we believe it would be advantageous to have the Honolulu personnel and equipment augmented with personnel and equipment from the San Francisco Office, [redacted]

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[redacted] Agents assigned. In addition, San Francisco, over the years, has had much experience in affecting similar types of coverage [redacted], is one of the Bureau's most experienced field men in this area of operations. (S)(E)

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We therefore propose that [redacted] be ordered into Washington, D. C., for a complete briefing in this matter by Assistant Director Sullivan and others of his staff fully acquainted with all aspects of this case. We will also arrange to have copies of all pertinent correspondence relating to this matter, both past and future, made available to the San Francisco Office for review by [redacted] and any other personnel who may assist him.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Attached airtel directing [redacted] to report to the Bureau 2/3/64 be approved.

(2) By separate communication to the appropriate offices, we are arranging to have copies of all pertinent correspondence, both past and future, sent to San Francisco for the assistance of that Office.

(3) At the conclusion of the one-day conference you will be informed as to its results and arrangements which will be perfected for fully informing Honolulu and taking action as necessary to further our plans in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 1/27/64

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

JUNE

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Bureau letter, 1/17/64.

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Due to lack of productivity, [REDACTED] covering the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Office, 312 West 125th Street, New York City, was discontinued at 4:00 PM, 1/24/64.

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SAC, New York (100-136585)

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Director, FBI (100-106670) 292

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

1 - Mr. Wland  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Donohue  
1 - Mr. Forester

Bourlet 1-10-64.

The Bureau concurs with your recommendation to discontinue the technical coverage on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Office at 312 West 125th Street, New York City, as of 1-24-64, providing no information is received in the interim to indicate to the contrary.

Because of the controversial nature and the subversive connections of the subject, you should remain alert for any indication that the personnel of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Office in New York is augmented in any way. Particularly, you should be alert for any information indicating an office manager or director is appointed to run this office. In the event this occurs, with the possibility of additional activity which might show the subversive influences on King or the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, you should submit your recommendation as to reactivating the technical coverage on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

You are instructed to promptly advise the Bureau the date and time this technical installation is discontinued.

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NOTE:

[redacted] a technical surveillance, was authorized 10-14-63 and installed 10-24-63. Referenced letter from New York indicates no information of any value has been received to date from this source. This is possibly due to the fact the Southern Christian Leadership Conference has not yet appointed a director for the New York Office.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : *JFM* SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

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Field Office New York

Symbol Number *[REDACTED]*

Type of Surveillance: (Technical)

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EXEMPT AGENCIES  
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1. Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed:

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room number or area covered:

312 West 125th St., NYC

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3. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

Authorized 10/14/63

Installed 10/24/63

10/30/63

5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

None

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17. Remarks (By SAC):

Unless information is received which would justify continuance of this source, the NYO will discontinue coverage on 1/24/64.

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**18. Recommendation by Assistant Director:**

*(If this surveillance involves cryptanalysis, include statement that decrypted material is or is not sufficiently important to continue decrypting.)*

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# ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

Mr. A. H. Belmont

January 6, 1964

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

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DATE 5/20/80 BY SP-16SK/ps/ke

On this past weekend (1/4-5/64) it was determined that Martin Luther King, Jr., would be staying at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C., from Sunday to Tuesday (1/5-7/64). Because of the importance of our investigation of the communist influence in racial matters and the intelligence and counterintelligence possibilities which thorough coverage of King's activities might develop and because time was of the essence, I authorized Washington Field Office to make effort to secure microphone coverage of King provided full security would be assured. b7(c)

On 1/6/64 [redacted] of the Washington Field Office advised that they had been able to effect coverage on 1/5/64 with full security and that the Bureau would be kept promptly advised of the results of this coverage. Trespass is involved; however, no telephone instrument is being utilized in this operation.

## ACTION:

For information. You will be promptly advised of positive results achieved.

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1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C, D.C.,) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C  
(OO: ATLANTA)

*Reviewed and justified  
11/18/64  
coverage in NY office  
continues to be maintained  
SCLC re ATL. cont'd  
11/24/64. wsc*

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Re New York letter, 11/22/63, captioned as above.

At 3:15 PM, 12/11/63, ~~CONF INFO~~ reactivated  
coverage on telephone numbers UN 6-2000 and UN 6-2002, which  
are located in the office of the Southern Christian Leadership  
Conference (SCLC), 312 West 125th Street, New York, New York.

Technical difficulties being experienced by the  
New York Telephone Company, as set out in referenced letter,  
continue with regard to telephone number UN 6-2001. The  
Bureau will be advised when complete coverage has been  
reinstated and FD 142 will be submitted in 30 days.

Full security is assured.

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Special Agent in Charge

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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI**

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## JUNE

**DATE:** 11/22/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

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 DATE OF REVIEW 11/22/83  
5/20/80

**SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE**

RE: Title MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Character of Case SECURITY MATTER-C  
Field Office New York  
Symbol Number [REDACTED] b(2)  
Type of Surveillance: (Technical ~~or~~)

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF classification  
DATE 9/2/79 BY LE/ESS  
person or organization

1. Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed:

**Southern Christian Leadership Conference**

2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room number or area covered:

312 West 125th Street  
New York City, NY

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) OF 100-100000  
DATE 10-1-64

3.  (C) b(1) SLIP (S) OF  
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4. Dates of initial authorization and installations:

Authorized 10/14/63  
Installed 10/24/63  
10/30/63

Classified by 6636  
Exempt from GDS Category 2  
Date of Declassification Indefinite

5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

None

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17. Remarks (By SAC):

On 11/8/63, [REDACTED] indicated that telephone cable facilities were being changed in subject area. [REDACTED]

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This condition is expected to continue for several days. No further problems in this respect are anticipated.

It is noted that conversations between CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON and between JONES and MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., as reported by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] indicated there is no leadership in the SCLC office in New York. As of this date, no

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one has been designated to run the SCLC office. When such an appointment is made and the cable difficulties are cleared up, it is expected that [REDACTED] will be productive. (u) b(2) b7(D)

Upon reactivation of these lines, the Bureau will be advised and FD 143 will be submitted 30 days thereafter.

It is recommended this source be continued.

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18. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

(If this surveillance involves cryptanalysis, include statement that decrypted material is or is not sufficiently important to continue decrypting.)

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SAC, New York, feels that this source will be productive when the present cable difficulties are cleared up and when SCLC assumes full operation in New York. It is recommended that this source be authorized for an additional 30 days after which full justification must be made by New York regarding its continued operation.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)  
(100-106670)

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-6520A)

PERSONAL ATTENTION  
ASST. DIRECTOR ~~W. J. SULLIVAN~~  
DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

COMINFIL  
RACIAL MATTERS

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C

ReBuairtel 11/27/63.

(1) [REDACTED] assigned telephone number 522-4596,  
an unlisted number in residence of Dr. MARTIN KING, 563 Johnson  
Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. Leased line obtained from  
Houston Street and Boulevard to 300 West Peachtree Street, N.W.

(2) [REDACTED] assigned telephone number 524-1378, a  
listed number for SCLC at 330 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta.  
Leased line obtained from 328 Auburn Avenue, N. E. to 300  
West Peachtree Street, N. W.

(3) [REDACTED] assigned to telephone number 524-1379,  
a number in rotary for SCLC located at 330 Auburn Avenue, N.E.,  
Atlanta. Leased line obtained from 328 Auburn Avenue, N. E.  
to 300 West Peachtree Street, N. W.

(4) [REDACTED] assigned to telephone number 524-1370,  
a number in rotary for SCLC located at 330 Auburn Avenue, N. E.,  
Atlanta. Leased line obtained from 328 Auburn Avenue, N. E.,  
to 300 West Peachtree Street, N. W.

(5) [REDACTED] assigned to telephone number 524-3151, a  
non-listed number located in offices of SCLC at 330 Auburn  
Avenue, N. E., Atlanta. Leased line obtained from 328 Auburn  
Avenue, N. E., to 300 West Peachtree Street, N. W.

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Approved - Atlanta

Special Agent in Charge

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November 27, 1963

- 1 - Mr. Garley
- 1 - Mr. Forsyth
- 1 - Mr. J. D. Donohue

Airtel

To: SAC, Atlanta

From: Director, FBI (100-3-116)  
(100-106670)

COMINFIL  
RACIAL MATTERS

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C

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Reurairtel 11/12/63 advising that technical  
installations were completed in this matter and symbol  
numbers assigned.

It is not possible to  
determine from your airtel the coverage which has been  
installed on King and his office. For instance you  
indicated [redacted] was assigned to cover telephone  
number [redacted]

According to  
the Atlanta telephone book, this telephone number is  
assigned to the office of the SCLC and only one number is  
listed. The same telephone book does not list any telephone  
number for the residence of King and shows his business  
address as 330 Auburn Avenue, telephone 524-1372.

Advise the specific address for each telephone  
number and symbol number assigned. In the future,  
specify the address covered by the teletype

Justification Form FD-145 30 days after installation and  
each three months thereafter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

(PERSONAL ATTENTION  
ASST. DIRECTOR SULLIVAN  
OR INSPECTOR SIZOO)

RE: COMINFIL  
RM  
ATLANTA DIVISION

MARTIN LUTHER

Installation completed this matter  
November 8 last.

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KING

522-4596 and

assigned telephone number

524-1378 and

assigned telephone number

524-1379

assigned telephone number

524-1370

assigned telephone number

524-3151

Assigned telephone number

Monitoring operations instituted; results of  
which will be furnished Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *also*

DATE: October 21, 1963

FROM : C. A. Evans *✓*

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE  
RACIAL MATTERS

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The Attorney General spoke to me with reference to our memorandum of October 18, 1963, recommending a technical surveillance on the office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at Atlanta, Georgia. It is noted that last week the Attorney General authorized similar coverage on the residence of Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. *(u)*

The Attorney General is apparently still vacillating in his position as to technical coverage on Martin Luther King and his organization, it being recalled that he had initially suggested such coverage and then changed his mind and felt it might be inadvisable. *(u)*

The Attorney General said that he is still uncertain in his own mind about this coverage. I reminded him of our previous conversation, wherein he was assured that all possible would be done to insure the security of this operation. *(u)*

The Attorney General advised that he was approving the October 18, 1963, memorandum but asked that this coverage and that on King's residence be evaluated at the end of 30 days in light of the results secured so that the continuance of these surveillances could be determined at that time. This will be done. *(u)*

The original of our October 18, 1963, memorandum was handed to me by the Attorney General. It is attached hereto. *(u)*

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Donohue

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DeLoach	✓
Evans	✓
Felt	✓
Rosen	✓
Sullivan	✓
Tavel	✓
Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holmes	✓
Gandy	✓

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*See the study Appendix 7D  
re: King's residence, in, author's opinion  
for the use of the subject, etc.*

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



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Speaks to me  
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ENCLOSURE

**RE:**

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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- 1 - Mr. Forsyth

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST**

**COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
RACIAL MATTERS**

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Respectfully,

**John Edgar Hoover  
Director**

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Memorandum for the Attorney General

NOTE: This memorandum is classified "Secret" as it pertains to a technical surveillance, the unauthorized disclosure of result in serious damage to the Nation. U

See Cover Memorandum Mr. Bland to Mr. Sullivan, same caption, dated October 18, 1963, TDR:scp. U

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: October 18, 1963

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

JUNE

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
RACIAL MATTERS

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You will recall that on 7/13/63 the Attorney General advised Assistant Director Evans that in view of the possible communist influence in the racial situation he desired consideration be given to placing technical surveillances on Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and Clarence B. Jones, a New York City attorney who is closely associated with King and involved in the racial movement. The Attorney General at that time indicated he was not concerned with the repercussions if it should ever become known that such surveillances had been put into effect and that he thought it advisable to have complete coverage. Although, when such a request was made of the Attorney General 7/22/63 he rejected coverage on King, he has subsequently authorized technical coverage on the New York office of the SCLC as well as the Atlanta residence of King.

A survey has now been conducted on the headquarters of the SCLC at Atlanta, Georgia, and this survey indicates it is feasible to install a technical surveillance on this place with full security.

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Memorandum for Mr. W. C. Sullivan

Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

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OBSERVATION:

In view of the Attorney General's request that our coverage be as complete as possible and because of the communist influence in the racial movement shown by activities of Stanley Levison and King's connection with him, it is believed desirable to put all possible coverage on the racial leaders in order to obtain full information.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached be sent to the Attorney General requesting authority to install a technical surveillance on the headquarters of the SCLC in Atlanta.

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*W.C.S.*  
*OK.*  
*h*  
*W.C.S.*

October 14, 1963

Airtel

To: SAC, Atlanta (100-5586A)  
From: Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. EX-101  
SECURITY MATTER - C

JUNE

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Reurlet dated October 10, 1963.

A review of your letter reveals the possible existence of certain security hazards in connection with the installation of tesur on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

Prior to further consideration of this matter, the Bureau desires additional information as indicated below:

1. Outline in detail the exact steps necessary to effect a tesur installation on the office of the SCLC. Furnish a concise evaluation as to whether full security can be assured.

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Airtel to Atlanta  
Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
100-106670

Together with your reply covering the above points, specify exactly what equipment you will need in the event authority is granted to make the installation on the SCLC office as well as the King residence.

Advise Bureau by return mail.

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TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 10/10/63

FROM :

SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586A) (P)

JUNE

SUBJECT:

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP1 GSK/DB/MA  
PERSON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2

Re Atlanta airtel 10/5/63

DATE OF REVIEW 10/10/63

Enclosed herewith is a copy of FD 142 relating to proposed Tesurs on subject and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

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It is noted that by previous communication on October 3, 1963, results of survey was forwarded the Bureau regarding Tesur on subject's residence.

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In view of the foregoing, if this installation is approved, Laboratory is requested to send a technician to Atlanta to make installation.

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TO : DIRECTOR (Bufile 100-106670) DATE: 10/10/63

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586A)

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Character of Case SM-C

Field Office Atlanta

Symbol Number None

Type of Surveillance (Technical ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~)

1. Name and address of subject:

Office of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 330  
Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia ✓

2. Location of technical operation:

Office space of Atlanta Office.

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject:

None at present in Atlanta.

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REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4  
DATE OF REVIEW 10/10/83 5/20/80

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF  
DATE 10/10/79 R/S

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**6. Type of case involved:**

Security matter investigation to determine degree of influence CP has on mass Negro organizations through Dr. KING.

**7. Connection or status of subject in the case:**

Dr. KING has in the past been in contact with concealed CP members, and former CP members. As President of SCLC, a leading Negro mass Organization, organization and subject are prime logical targets for influencing and infiltration.

**8. Specific information being sought:**

Degree of influence being exerted by CP on Dr. KING and Southern Christian Leadership Conference and extent of contacts.

**9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance:**

Dr. KING's CP contacts are basically located in New York City while he normally maintains office and residence Atlanta. It is however noted Dr. KING is in almost constant travel status

**10. Importance of case and subject:**

Dr. KING as President of Southern Christian Leadership Conference has been elevated to the position of "National Leader" of the Negro Civil Rights and Integration Movement as shown by recent events.

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13. Probable length of technical surveillance:  
Indefinite

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15. Remarks:

In past when interviews have been conducted in the office of Southern Christian Leadership Conference certain employees when asked a question, in a half joking and half serious manner replied, "You should know that already, don't you have our wires tapped?" It is noted in the past, State of Georgia has conducted investigations regarding subject and Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

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TO

DIRECTOR

(Bufile 100-106670)

JUNE

DATE: 10/10/63

FROM

SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586A)

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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Character of Case SM-C

Field Office ATLANTA

Symbol Number None

Type of Surveillance (Technical ~~EXPIRATION~~)

1. Name and address of subject:

Residence, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., 563 Johnson Avenue, N.E.,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

2. Location of technical operation:

Office space of Atlanta Office.

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject:  
None at present in Atlanta.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S)  
DATE 10/29/79 *exp*

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## Memorandum SECRET MATERIAL ATTACHED

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: October 10, 1963

FROM : C. A. Evans

JUNE

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The Attorney General was contacted at his request this afternoon. He had before him our memorandum of October 7, 1963, requesting authority for technical surveillances on Martin Luther King at his residence at Atlanta and at the office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of which he is president, at New York City. (u)

The Attorney General said that he recognized the importance of this coverage if substantial information is to be developed concerning the relationship between King and the Communist Party. He said there was no question in his mind as to the coverage in New York City but that he was worried about the security of an installation covering a residence in Atlanta, Georgia. He noted that the last thing we could afford to have would be a discovery of a wire tap on King's residence. (u)

I pointed out to the Attorney General the fact that a residence was involved did not necessarily mean there was any added risk because of the technical nature of the telephone system. He was informed that the Bureau had had years of experience in this field and that we continually reviewed our procedures to insure that every measure possible to secure such installations was taken. It was nevertheless noted that of necessity we had to deal with established contacts in the telephone company to get the necessary leased lines, but once again we had procedures which minimized the risks to the nth degree. (u)

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After this discussion the Attorney General said he felt we should go ahead with the technical coverage on King on a trial basis, and to continue it if productive results were forthcoming. He said he was certain that all Bureau representatives involved would recognize the delicacy of this particular matter and would thus be even more cautious than ever in this assignment. He asked to be kept advised of any pertinent information developed regarding King's communist connections. (u)

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Donohue

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Our memorandum requesting authority for this surveillance was signed by the Attorney General and handed to me. It is attached. ✓

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REMOVED FOR DIRECTOR'S OFFICE -  
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Note: Orig. of Enclosure  
now in Mr. Turner's office  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-106670  
100-3-116

October 7, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
RACIAL MATTERS

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It is further requested that authority be granted to place a technical surveillance on the SCLC office at the current New York address or to any other address to which it may be moved. *u x(u)*

Respectfully,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

ENCLOSURE

CLASS. BY *SP21A-JAM:JAM*  
REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW *10/17/83*  
*5/20/80*

APPROVED *[Handwritten signature]*

DATE *10/10/63*

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# Memorandum

## ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: 10-22-63

FROM : MR. J. A. SIZOO

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

1-Mr. Sullivan  
1-Mr. Conrad  
1-Mr. Callahan

1-Mr. M.F. Row  
1-Mr. Bland  
1-Mr. Baumgardner  
1-Mr. J. D. Donohue  
1-Mr. Forsyth

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Memorandum Sizoo to Sullivan 10-18-63 set forth certain request of SAC McMahon of the Atlanta Office in connection with the monitoring of technical installations under consideration in connection with captioned matter. U

On 10-21-63, SAC McMahon was advised that the technical installations on the residence of King and the Headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) had been approved.

### ACTION:

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ON 5/20/80

None, for information. This memorandum records the following:  
1) Authorization for Atlanta to install technical coverage of King at 563 Johnson Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, and on the Headquarters of the SCLC, 330 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. (SAC McMahon is to furnish the date and time installed and the symbol number of each installation and is to furnish a separate, complete justification and evaluation of the results of the coverage within 30 days of installation.) U

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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3) Authorization to arrange with Miami Office for the services  
of Special Agent [REDACTED] for installation of technical equipment.

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# Memorandum

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-1 GSE/DB/2  
REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.1  
DATE OF REVIEW 10/18/83

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 10-18-63

JUNE

FROM : Mr. J. A. Sizoo

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

1-Mr. Belmont  
1-Mr. Conrad  
1-Mr. Sullivan  
1-Mr. Baumgardner  
1-Mr. Bland  
1-Mr. Forsyth

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RE: 10-21-63  
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in Atlanta  
to advise if  
they need any  
more 10-21-63  
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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

ACTION:

In view of the information which McMahon furnished by telephone, I told him it would not be necessary to answer the Bureau's airtel of 10-14-63 in the Martin Luther King case. I told him he would be subsequently given instructions whether or not he should make the installations involved in this matter.

A separate memorandum is being prepared in this connection to obtain the Attorney General's authority to make the installations on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

We have already received the Attorney General's authority to install on King's residence telephone.

RECOMMENDATION:

That, if the Attorney General approves the installations on the SCLC office in Atlanta, the Atlanta Office be authorized [REDACTED] monitor these installations [REDACTED]

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
RACIAL MATTERS

CLASS. & EXT. BY SR-1 BSK/HB/KC  
REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 10/4/83  
DATE October 4, 1963

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Donohue
- 1 - Mr. Forsyth

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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Surveys have been made on the residence of Martin Luther King, Jr., in Atlanta, Georgia, and the headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in New York City. These surveys indicate it is feasible to install technical surveillances on these places with full security. (u)

You will recall that on 7/15/63 the Attorney General advised Assistant Director Evans that in view of the possible communist influence in the racial situation, he desired that consideration be given to placing a technical surveillance on Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of the SCLC, and Clarence B. Jones, a New York City attorney who is closely associated with King and involved in the racial movement. The Attorney General at that time indicated he was not concerned with the repercussions if it should ever become known that such surveillances had been put into effect and that he thought it advisable to have complete coverage. However, when such a request was made of the Attorney General on 7/22/63, he rejected coverage on King. (u)

King resides at 563 Johnson Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia and is president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 330 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta. The New York office of the SCLC is located at 312 West 125th Street, New York City. (u)

The Attorney General has approved coverage on Stanley Levison, Clarence B. Jones, and the Gandhi Society for Human Rights. These installations have been extremely productive in showing the influence

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DATE OF REVIEW 10/4/83  
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Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
RACIAL MATTERS

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of Levison on King as well as Levison's behind-the-scenes influence in the racial movement. At present there are 57 investigative-type technical surveillances in operation and three are awaiting installation. The limit is 75. (S)(X)(u)

OBSERVATIONS:

In view of the Attorney General's request that our coverage be as complete as possible and because of the communist influence in the racial movement shown by activities of Stanley Levison as well as King's connection with him, it is believed desirable to put all possible coverage on the racial leaders in order to obtain full information.

RECOMMENDATION:

*I hope you don't change your  
minds on this.*  
That the attached be sent to the Attorney General requesting authority to install technical surveillances on King's residence in Atlanta, Georgia, and the SCLC headquarters in New York City. (u)

GK.  
to [signature]

WCB [signature] [signature] [signature]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Room 5744 10/7, 1963

TO:

☒ Director  
☐ Mr. Belmont  
☐ Mr. Mohr  
☐ Mr. DeLoach  
☐ Mr. Evans  
☐ Mr. Rosen  
☐ Mr. Callahan  
☐ Mr. Casper  
☐ Mr. Conrad  
☐ Mr. Gale  
☐ Mr. Sullivan  
☐ Mr. Tavel  
☐ Mr. Trotter  
☐ Mr. Clayton  
☐ Miss Gandy  
☐ Miss Holmes  
☐ Personnel Files Section  
☐ Records Branch  
☐ Mrs. Skillman  
☐ Mrs. Brown  
☐ John Quander

☒ Mr. Tolson  
☒ Mr. Belmont  
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☐ Tele. Room  
☐ Miss Holmes  
☐ Miss Gandy

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 Please Call Me

I see no point in making this recommendation  
 to the Attorney General in view of the fact  
 that he turned down a similar recommendation

on July 22, 1963. I will approve  
 though, I am digging  
 over the situation. J.P.  
 influence of C. Clyde Tolson

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1-Mr. Evans  
1-Mr. Rosen  
1-Mr. Baumgardner  
1-Mr. Bland  
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1-Mr. Forsyth

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October 7, 1963

JUNE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

EX-103

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

ALL FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) OF *Classification*  
DATE *10/7/63* BY *1-3 FBI*

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
RACIAL MATTERS CLASS. & EXT. BY *SP-1 GSE/DB*

DATE OF REVIEW 10/7/83

CLASSIFICATION RETAINED BY *6026 WAD/CA*  
EXEMPT FROM GDS CATEGORY *2, 3, 4, 5, 6*  
DATE OF DECLASSIFICATION INDEFINITE



It is further requested that authority be granted to place a technical surveillance on the SCLC office at the current New York address or to any other address to which it may be moved. *X X(4)*

Respectfully,

SENT FROM D.O.  
TIME *4:55 PM*  
DATE *10/7/63*  
BY *SS*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

APPROVED  
DATE

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
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Miss Gandy

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**Memorandum for the Attorney General**

**NOTE:**

This memorandum is classified "Secret" as it pertains to a technical surveillance, the unauthorized disclosure of which could prove injurious to the national defense and result in serious damage to the Nation. U

See cover memorandum Bland to Sullivan, same caption, dated 10/4/63, WTF/mea. U

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Date: 11/1/63

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)  
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
RACIAL MATTERS

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 DATE 5/20/80 BY SP-1 GSK/DB

JUNE

ReBuairtel to NY 10/14/63 and NY airtel to Bureau,  
 10/25/63, captioned as above, re installation of tesur on  
 the office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
 (SCLC).

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NY

At 1:45 p.m., 10/30/63, the final installation of  
 [REDACTED] was made covering telephone number UN 6-2000  
 which is located in the office of the SCLC, 312 West 125th  
 St., Manhattan, N.Y.

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Full security is assured.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
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RACIAL MATTERSALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 5/20/80 BY SP-1 BSK/DDHRe Bureau airtel, 10/14/63, captioned as above,  
authorizing installation of tesur on the office of the  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).At 1:05 PM, 10/24/63, [REDACTED] was installed on  
telephone number UN 6-2001 and UN 6-2002, located in the  
office of the SCLC, 312 West 125th Street, New York, New York.  
Coverage on telephone number UN 6-2000 is expected to be  
installed Monday, 10/28/63.

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Bureau authority requested to install tesur on  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 312 West 125th  
Street, NYC. Full security assured.UN 6-2000

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UN 6-2001

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UN 6-2002

[REDACTED]

for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 312 West  
125th Street, NYC. Bureau will be advised.

[REDACTED]

- ③ - Bureau (100-106670) (RM)
- 1 - Atlanta (100-5586) (RM)
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1 - M. J. Rosamus

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October 15, 1963

PERSONAL ATTENTION  
JUNE

Mr. J. P. Malone  
Assistant Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
201 East 69th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Malone:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

If for any reason you do not utilize this surveillance,  
the Bureau should be notified in order that its records may be  
maintained in a current status.

Very truly yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (3)

NOTE:

Technical surveillance authorized by AG 10-10-63. New York  
office notified by airtel dated 10-14-63.

1 - Case File

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and NYairtel to Bureau, 9/12/63.Survey on line UN 6-2002 complete. Bureau  
authority requested to install tesur on Southern  
Christian Leadership Conference on UN 6-2002.

Full security assured.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
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2 - New York  
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Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Mr. J. D. Donohue  
1 0 Mr. Forsyth

10-14-63

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To: SAC, New York

JUNE

From: Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
RACIAL MATTERS

Provided full security assured, authority granted to install tesur on the office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 312 West 125th Street, New York, New York.

Advise time, date of installation, symbol number, and telephone numbers involved. Submit justification letter 30 days after installation and each 3 months thereafter.

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Date: 9/18/63

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Via AIRTELREGISTERED MAIL

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- JUNE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586)

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.  
SM-C

Re Bureau airtel dated 9/6/63. U

[REDACTED] b7(D)  
unavailable for contact to obtain necessary data in regard  
to survey under absolute secure conditions U

Source will be available 9/23/63 for such contact. U

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Mr. Forsyth

October 1, 1963

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To: SAC, Atlanta (100-5586)

JUNE

From: Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Your airtel indicated [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, was expected to be available 9-23-63. To date no information has been received as to the status of the survey for installation of tesur on subject and Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Advise by return airtel the status of the survey or whether your source is still unavailable. U

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland *JFB*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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REASON - FCIM  
DATE OF REVIEW *9/16/83* *5/20/80*

DATE: September 6, 1963

JUNE

1 - Mr. Belmont	1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Mohr	1 - Mr. Donohue
1 - Mr. Sullivan	1 - Mr. Forsyth
1 - Mr. Evans	
1 - Mr. Rosen	

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## OBSERVATIONS:

King's duplicity is amply illustrated in his public announcements concerning O'Dell's lack of connections with the SCIC although, as mentioned above, O'Dell was observed entering and leaving the New York office of the SCIC as late as August 30, 1963. King *[redacted]* a minister of the gospel leave him highly susceptible to coercion and possible blackmail and, most important, in view of his continued close association and willingness to accept advice and submit to the influence of such communists as Levison and O'Dell, we should have as complete coverage as possible of King's activities. A large part of the information set out above as well as a great deal of additional information of interest has been developed through technical coverage of close

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Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
100-106670

associates of King, such as Stanley Levison and Clarence B. Jones, a former member of the Labor Youth League who is head of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights of which King is honorary chairman, as well as the offices of the above society. It is believed that additional data of extreme interest in this matter could be obtained through technical coverage of King's residence in Atlanta and the Atlanta and New York offices of the SCLC.

RECOMMENDATION:

There is attached a proposed airtel instructing Atlanta to conduct a survey as to the feasibility of installing a technical surveillance on King's residence, as well as the offices of the SCLC. Copies of this airtel are also being forwarded to the New York Office with instructions to conduct a similar survey on the New York office of the SCLC. U

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Donohue
- 1 - Mr. Forsyth

September 4, 1963

To: SACs, Atlanta (100-5586)  
New York (100-126585)

JUNE

From: Director, FBI

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Atlanta is directed to conduct a survey for tesur on the headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the residence of Martin Luther King, Jr.

New York is instructed to conduct a similar survey on the New York office of the SCLC.

Full security should be assured prior to making this survey.

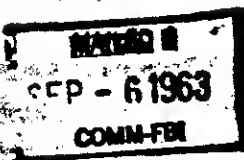
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NOTE:

See memo Bland to Sullivan, same date, same caption.  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: June 25, 1963

FROM : C. A. Evans

JUNE

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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The Attorney General orally informed me today that he had been considering the request he made on July 16, 1963, for a technical surveillance on Martin Luther King at his home and office and was now of the opinion that this would be ill advised.

At the time the Attorney General initially asked for such a surveillance, he was told there was considerable doubt that the productivity of the surveillance would be worth the risk because King travels most of the time and that there might be serious repercussions should it ever become known the Government had instituted this coverage. These were the very thoughts that the Attorney General expressed today in withdrawing his request.

With reference to the other technical surveillance requested at the same time, namely, the one on Clarence Benjamin Jones, the Attorney General felt this was in a different category and we should go forward with this coverage. It is noted that this was previously approved in writing by the Attorney General.

The memorandum we sent to the Attorney General on July 23, 1963, requesting authority for the King surveillance has been retrieved and is attached.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

We will take no further action to effect technical coverage on Martin Luther King, either at his home or at his office at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, in the absence of a further request from the Attorney General.

## Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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OFFICE OF  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



*Country*  
*Speak to me*  
*Pls*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-106670

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 23, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

[REDACTED]

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Pursuant to your request that in view of the possible communist influence in the racial situation consideration be given to placing a technical surveillance on King, it is requested that authority be granted to place a technical surveillance on King at his current residence or at any future address to which he may move. It is further requested that authority be granted to place a technical surveillance on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of which King is President or at any future address to which it may be moved. U

Respectfully,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover

Director

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DATE OF REVIEW 7/23/83

*Ag. said*  
*[Signature]*

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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July 30, 1963

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- 1 - Mr. Miller (Room 7112 JB)
- 1 - Mr. Hand
- 1 - Mr. Donohue
- 1 - Mr. Shaw

To: SAC, Atlanta

**JUNE**

From: Director, FBI (100-3712)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

*JW*  
*CG*

Reurlet 7/24/63 "Communist Influence in Racial Matters" advising technical surveillance feasible on residence of Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The Attorney General has disapproved technical coverage on King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Therefore, no further action is to be taken in this matter.

1 - Birmingham

1 - Mobile

**NOTE:** REFLECTS MILLER (220) IN HIS REPORT REFLECTS DOWNHILL IN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Memorandum Evans to Belmont 7/25/63 discloses that the Attorney General orally advised on 7/25/63 that he now considers request for technical coverage on King that he made 7/16/63 to be ill advised; that in view of King's constant travel status there was considerable doubt that productivity of technical coverage would be worth the risk. Therefore we are instructing Atlanta to take no further action in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

## ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

Secret

JUNE

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: July 22, 1963

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Donohue
- 1 - Mr. Shaw

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This is a recommendation requesting the Attorney General's authority for the installation of a technical surveillance covering the home telephone of Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as the telephone covering the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of which King is the President.

You will recall that on 7/16/63 the Attorney General advised Assistant Director Evans that in view of the possible communist influence in the racial situation, he desired that consideration be given to placing a technical surveillance on Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Clarence Benjamin Jones, a New York City attorney, who is closely associated with King. The Attorney General indicated he was not concerned with the repercussions if it should ever become known that such surveillances had been put into effect and that he thought it advisable to have as complete coverage as possible.

[REDACTED SECTION]

Pursuant to the Attorney General's request that consideration be given to placing a technical surveillance on King, our Atlanta Office was requested to conduct a survey to ascertain if such coverage is feasible and could be conducted with full security. Atlanta teletype 7/20/63 discloses that technical coverage on King is feasible and can be conducted with full security.

At present there are 58 investigative-type technical surveillances in operation and 6 being installed. The limit is 75.

A separate memorandum requesting Attorney General's authority to place a technical surveillance on Clarence Benjamin Jones has previously been submitted.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
100-106670

OBSERVATION:

In view of the Attorney General's request that our coverage be as complete as possible, it is felt that we should institute coverage not only on King's residence, but also on his office at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached memorandum for the Attorney General go forward requesting authority to install a technical surveillance on King's residence, as well as his office at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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'MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR' WHICH STATES ATTORNEY  
GENERAL RECONSIDERED AND DISAPPROVED REQUEST  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST



Pursuant to your request that in view of the possible communist influence in the racial situation consideration be given to placing a technical surveillance on King, it is requested that authority be granted to place a technical surveillance on King at his current residence or at any future address to which he may move. It is further requested that authority be granted to place a technical surveillance on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of which King is President or at any future address to which it may be moved. U

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
 Director

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 DATE 7-23-63  
 BY [signature]

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Memorandum for the Attorney General

NOTE:

This memorandum classified "Secret" since it refers to a technical surveillance, the unauthorized disclosure of which could be detrimental to the national security. U

See memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan 7/22/63 captioned "Martin Luther King, Jr., Security Matter - Communist," WGS:kaj. U

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